

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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For:

PRINTING METHOD AND

APPARATUS HAVING IMPROVED
JOB SECURITY FUNCTION, AND
COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT
EXECUTABLE BY COMPUTER
FOR REALIZING IMPROVED JOB

**SECURITY FUNCTION** 

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**AMENDMENT** 

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows: